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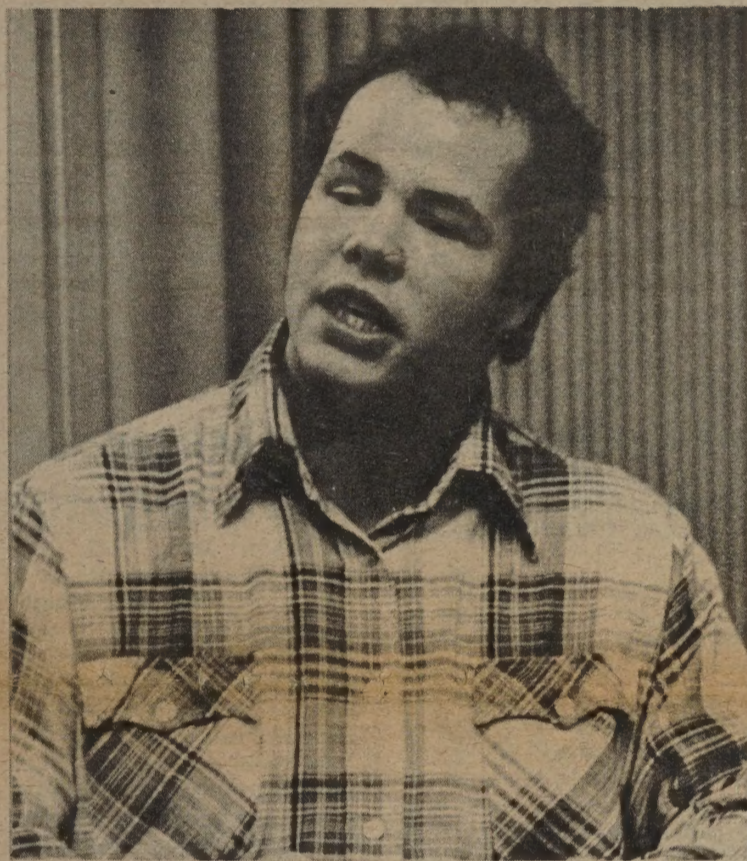
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# V.P candidates discuss issues

by Barbara Nagy

The four candidates for student association vice president agree that the type of student attending St. Michael's College is changing but the candidates have different ideas as to how the needs of these students can best be met.

The candidates, Suzanne Gray, Andrew Scibelli, Robert Heroux and Maureen Sullivan, were interviewed Monday night.

Sullivan, a senator from Lambda House, said that students are becoming more interested in academics than before. "Activities will have to change to go along with the interests of these students," she predicted.

For this reason, all the candidates are interested in the development of the lecture series and would like more funds to go towards it.

In addition, Gray, who was a senator last year and served on the student life committee, said she would like Alliot to be used to its full potential. She would also like houses to be more active.

Scibelli, who was chairman of the facilities committee, said coffee houses should be re-organized and funded by the S.A. He said "every club and organization on this campus is underfinanced." He favored budget increases for the Michaelman, Hilltop and radio station WWPV, but said that none of the S.A. committees needs more money.

Sullivan agreed that the coffee houses need funding but said the S.A. social committee also needs more money in case it incurs a loss.

Heroux, who was a senator from Zeta House last year and has been active in house government, said WWPV and the coffee houses need money. When asked where the funding would come from, he suggested a cut in the yearbook and newspaper budgets, saying that the yearbook should be more responsible for getting its money through advertising.

Heroux was against raising the students' activities fee because it was raised by \$2 last year. The other candidates agreed. Sullivan said she would hesitate to set a precedent by raising the fee again.

Heroux said he would also like the S.A. executive board to be audited. It is allotted \$3,600 yearly but never accounts for how it is spent, he explained.

Sullivan, Heroux and Gray said the proposed rathskeller was a high priority for them. Heroux said he would like more faculty and student input in the planning of social event, and Gray said she would like to experiment with new things such as a jazz concert.

Scibelli said he wanted the S.A. to be more involved with other campus organizations and clubs. He would also like the S.A.-media relationship to improve. Sullivan said she wanted the general services and welfare committees to become involved in senate publicity because it is difficult for students to know what is happening on campus.

Gray said she wanted more money to be funnelled into areas besides the social committee, which "does well" as it is. She suggested that the facilities committee could "use a boost."

The candidates agreed that it is important that the new student guide be enforced. Again, they noted that the college is changing to meet the needs of a different type of student.

Heroux said some of the rules seem ridiculous because they can easily be avoided. But he stressed that it is pointless to have rules if they are not enforced.

Scibelli agreed. He said that this year the R.A.s are enforcing the rules, while in the last few years they have been more lenient.

Gray, who helped write the new guide, agreed that the rules are basically the same as always but are just being enforced this year. She suggested that the change should have been more gradual, but also said a reputation as a stricter school would be good for the college.

Sullivan argued that the rules could not have been enforced gradually because it would have been pointless to enforce only a few rules at a time. "It is a Catholic school and we do have a tradition to uphold," she said.

Her main concern is that the visitation hours are unfair to students who want to study after midnight on weekdays, when the library is closed and men are not allowed in women's rooms.

When asked about the S.A. constitution, the four candidates agreed that it is badly in need of revision. Heroux's suggestion was "burn the damn thing."

The consensus was that the responsibilities of the various officers should be better defined and that the committee system should be reworked.

There were only a few differences in the candidates' perceptions of the role of vice president. All stressed the need for cooperation between the president and vice president.

Heroux said compromises between the two officers are necessary, and stressed that dissension has to be avoided. Disagreements have to be worked out through a compromise, he explained.

Gray said she thinks the vice president should take on more duties and that the two offices should complement each other. Each officer should have his or her own responsibilities with the two meeting to discuss their accomplishments.

Scibelli said the vice president shouldn't be "a puppet" and should be outspoken to an extent. The vice president and president have to work together but each should have his own goals and objectives, he added. Compromise is also important to him.

Sullivan said each person should state his or her own opinion because debate is "great." But she added that the two officers must work closely.

## SMC receives science grant

by Jim Heffrin

The St. Michael's College science departments have recently been bestowed with a \$5,000 grant from the National Science Foundation to purchase a gas chromatograph.

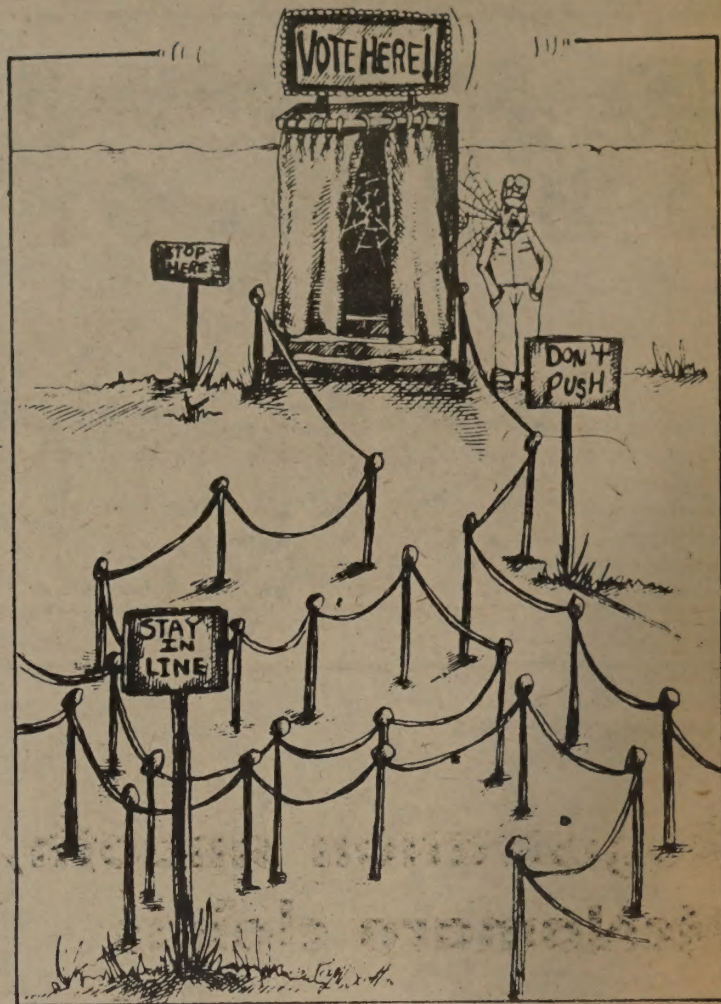
The grant is a matching one, which means that St. Michael's must also provide \$5,000 for this highly sophisticated piece of equipment.

Dr. Ronald Provost of the chemistry department worked in conjunction with Drs. Gilbert Grady and Daniel Bean to obtain the grant. Grady said the machine will enable students to study and analyze many of the compounds detected in water and particularly in pesticides.

Provost believes the chromatograph will provide chemistry, biology and environmental chemistry majors with a wealth of experience that is vital for success in many graduate programs.

Provost said St. Michael's is very fortunate to have received the NSF grant. He added that there is much competition with other schools for similar grants. Only about one-tenth of all applications are approved.

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## Concert viewed political success

by Mike Reardon

The stage has cleared, sensation has diminished and Harry Chapin has retreated to his "circulous life." After an incredibly exciting concert, the Jeffords for Congress Committee is faced with the anti-climactic task of evaluating the fruits of its labor. This involves tabulating ticket returns as well as weighing candidate exposure benefits.

The Sept. 19 Harry Chapin fund-raising concert for Congressman Jim Jeffords, R-Vt., performed here at St. Michael's, was a success for a number of reasons, according to Jefford's Campaign Manager Ray Post.

While Post is still in the process of computing exact figures, he claims to have made, not lost money, thus denying loss rumors. In terms of success, Post pointed out that "you can't put a dollar sign on it." He referred to the publicity gained by Jeffords and also spoke of the feeling of good will generated by the fun time had by all at the concert. Post explained that Jeffords had a chance to speak to many people, young and old, leaving a fine impression on his constituents.

The concert was also a success for the St. Michael's community, says Special Events Director Fr. Thomas Hoar. Hoar praised the job done by the Student Association and its workers in executing the concert and stressed the value of the experience gained by sponsoring such a successful concert.

Hoar then pointed out the political benefits that would result if Jeffords was re-elected. St. Michael's would have a good friend in Congress, he said.

Attendance at the concert was estimated to be between 1,400 and 1,500. Although a crowd of 3,000 was expected by Jeffords and his campaign crew, Post expressed no remorse concerning attendance. He expressed only positive feelings.

Everyone agreed that the style and vigor of Harry Chapin and his music uplifted many hearts and hopes in respect to personal lives as well as to the upcoming election.

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# Senate begins school year

by Neal Muse

"This guide was born of student demand and nurtured by student approval. Quite frankly, I would hate to see it die of student abuse . . . There are many areas in this document that need to be brushed up on . . . Rather than abuse this document we can profit from it on the same level that it was built, and that is one of understanding and confidence," was S.A. President Brian J. Rooke's comment about the new student guide at the Sept. 26 senate meeting.

Social committee co-chairman Jill Moffitt and Rooke stayed at St. Michael's during

the summer to carry out S.A. business. Rooke reported his actions during the summer to the senate.

He said he corresponded with other colleges and they discussed issues of interest to both campuses. Rooke also commented on St. Michael's upcoming 75th jubilee and the International Women's Symposium. He hoped the S.A. would participate in these events.

Rooke also spoke of the lecture series, chaired by Student Activities Director Jennifer Cernosia. It has suffered from apathy in the past.

The series has a \$5,000 budget. According to Rooke, a

small student association financial contribution "may be in order to reaffirm to all concerned within the S.A. that we do indeed consider the advantages of a well-respected lecture series."

With the passage of the Rathskeller Bill, Rooke said he has submitted an eight page proposal to President Edward L. Henry stating that the S.A. acknowledges that it will and can accept the responsibility of serving alcoholic beverages. Rooke foresees a problem serving food, but other than that said "we are only waiting for ourselves" to establish the rathskeller.

Rooke said a constitution for radio station WWPV has been submitted, and predicted that it "will give WWPV the direction it needs while also giving it the freedom it wants."

He commented on the S.A. constitution which "just barely survived the rigors of one year." He urged the senate to work on the drafting of a working constitution. "Right now I'd say at best our constitution is in a state of limbo," he said.

Michael Conway, chairman of general services and welfare, spoke about the Oct. 4 election. He said elections will be held for S.A. vice president, freshman class president and freshman class vice president.

He added that there will be a debate Oct. 3 between the candidates. Conway also commented about the possibility of having a run-off election if the winner does not receive 50 percent of the vote. Some of the candidates complained, according to Conway, that the number of signatures required for nomination was too high.

## Registration smooth, McNamara claims

by John Engels

Registration this fall went more smoothly than in any year since she came here, Maureen McNamara, St. Michael's College registrar, said last week.

"Registration has been getting less complicated and more efficient each year," she said.

McNamara said she has continually developed the registration program to meet student's and teacher's changing needs. For example: "We've cut down a lot on the drop/add slips, (those annoying little pink things) by requiring the teacher's signature on it first."

This ensures that the student and teacher have talked about the class a little, and have made sure that the class is "right" for the student, she explained.

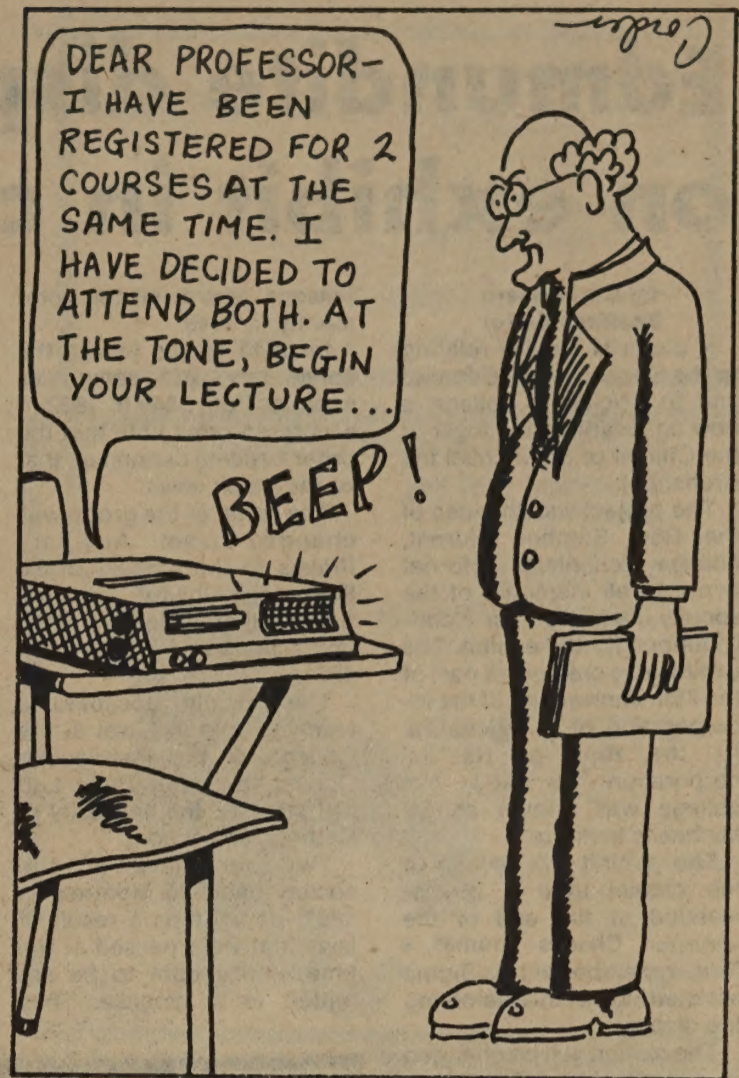
Any problems? "Well, we've been trying to get a computer for eight years," McNamara sighed. "It's been very frustrating."

Presently all processing is done by hand; quite a formidable task when one considers that 1500 students register each fall.

Any programs or class lists that McNamara wants run through a computer must be sent to north campus, where the computer is located. Many times there is a delay of two days.

McNamara and her staff makes sure everyone gets the classes they need to graduate.

"Upperclassmen always come first," she said. She said that so far she has had no problems with upperclassmen being unable to get courses they need to graduate.



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# Edmundite display on exhibit in chapel

by Cori Fugere  
Features Editor

A pictorial display relating to the Society of St. Edmund and St. Michael's College is now on exhibit in the foyer of the Chapel of St. Michael the Archangel.

The project was the idea of the Rev. Stephen Hornat, college chaplain. Hornat wrote to all members of the society, asking for contributions for the exhibit. The exhibit was created as part of the 75th anniversary of the incorporation of St. Michael's. At the time of its incorporation in 1903, the college was known as St. Michael's Institute.

The exhibit will remain in the chapel until it is dismantled at the end of the semester. Charles Thomas, a former member of Iota Sigma assisted Hornat in assembling the display.

The exhibit will be changed on a regular basis. The theme from now until mid-November is the "Edmundite community at St. Michael's." Photographs include pictures of the Revs. Richard Berube, Richard VanderWeel, Leon Paulin and Joseph McLaughlin. There are also pictures of the college before the quad was built and aerial views.

From mid-November to the end of the semester, the display will focus on the history of St. Edmund and the Edmundite community. In January the display will be changed to comply with the theme of Edmundite parishes. This display will last until the end of the school year when it will focus on a combination of the themes. This will end at the end of August.

There is also a pamphlet rack in the foyer of the chapel with information on the Edmundite community for anyone who is interested.

The reason for the display, according to Hornat, is "part of the celebration, of course, but also to bring about a greater awareness of the Edmundite community and their mission in the church."

The society began during the period that followed the French Revolution. Jean-Baptiste Muard and Pierre Boyer were founders of the society, each in his own way. In July, 1843, the two priests moved into the partially ruined Abbey of Pontigny. Muard wanted to "free a few parish priests from parochial duties so they could preach throughout the countryside and rechristianize it," according to the 1974 constitutions of the society. Thus he wanted to form a group of missionaries living a common life that would supply help to meet the needs of the dioceses. These priests became known as the "Pretres Auxiliaires" or auxiliary priests. These priests were not required to take vows, which was one of the

reasons Muard left the community in 1849.

In 1845 Boyer joined the community and served as superior from 1849 to 1892. It was during this time that the order became canonical, that is, they took vows.

The name of the group was changed from Auxiliary Priests to the Fathers of St. Edmund, Oblates of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary in 1851.

The society accepted a teaching role in Laval at the College of the Immaculate Conception, after Pope Leo XIII stressed the necessity of Catholic Education.

Two members of the society came to Montreal in 1891, perhaps as a result of laws that were passed at the time, and sought to be admitted to a diocese. They

were told to contact Bishop DeGoesbriand of Burlington, who needed help in his diocese. A foundation was established in Vermont where the society began parochial and educational work. Their work was concentrated at St. Michael's, the college they established. Members of the order were also sent to Montana to work among the American Indians.

In 1937 the Edmundites started to work in the southern United States with the blacks. In 1964 they sent missionaries to work with the South Americans in Venezuela.

The name of the order was changed to the Society of St. Edmund at the 1970 chapter meeting "out of consideration to custom and in the interest of simplicity," according to the 1974 constitutions.

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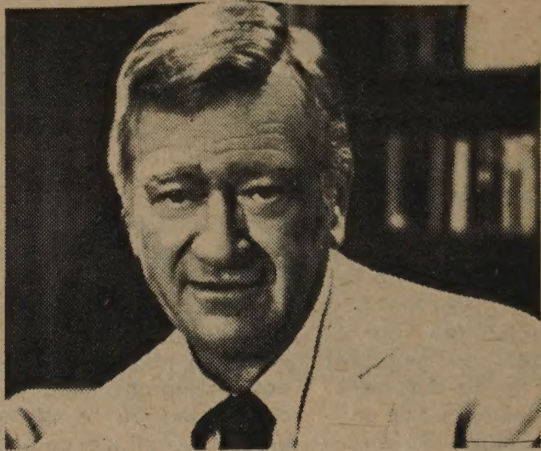
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# Big Brother and Sister Programs need volunteers

by Shari Young

The Big Brother and Big Sister Programs first organized at St. Michael's College in 1971, attempts to fill the human need for companionship for many underprivileged children in the Burlington area.

Since its start, the program has expanded greatly. Fred Schneider, the program coordinator, said there are enough requests for big brothers and sisters to place 3,000 volunteers this year. Right now there are between 250 and 300 students working for the program.

Bill Gamelli, publicity coordinator for the Student Resource Center, believes this number will increase as posters and information are distributed around campus. Gamelli also has a "welcome back" party planned for Oct. 1st. This party will reunite last year's big and little brothers and sisters, and will aid new participants in meeting each other. Students will have an opportunity to meet the children from the community and see what personalities they could work with best.

The children who participate in the program are frequently from one-parent families. Quite often, the parent missing is the father and the mother is looking for a male influence in her child's life. The children are also from economically deprived families. Many are from the Archibald Street area of Burlington. These children often have a low self-concept and other social problems.

Children are enrolled in the program by parents, doctors, and social workers or home school coordinators from the child's school.

Prospective big brothers/sisters are interviewed by the Student Resource Center. This interview provides the student with an idea of how the program works. At this point, the student may select a candidate from the referral catalog.

An appointment is then

arranged for the student to meet with the social worker who has recommended the child for the program. This social worker will discuss the experiences of the child and his family.

Once a student has agreed to participate in the program, he is obligated to spend a minimum of three months with his little brother or sister. One visit per week is required, but according to Schneider and Gamelli, many students see their little brother or sister several times a week.

While there are many available activities for students to do with their little brothers or sisters, the Student Resource Center discourages the spending of much money.

The Projects Coordinating Council plans annual parties (Halloween, Christmas), field days, and Saturday activities. Campus sports events are

open and Tom Ryan of Saga Food Service has made it a tradition to allot one free meal per week for each little brother and sister. Transportation has been taken care of too. Bus tokens are distributed to people without other means of transportation.

If a student must break off the relationship with his little brother or sister, he is requested to set up an appointment to meet with a staff member of the Student Resource Center to discuss the termination. From past experience, students believe that children can deal with a parting if it is done openly. If a student simply stops seeing his little brother or sister, the child can be deeply hurt.

Schneider summarized the program by saying that it takes work and commitment but it's fun work and in the long run, extremely fulfilling.

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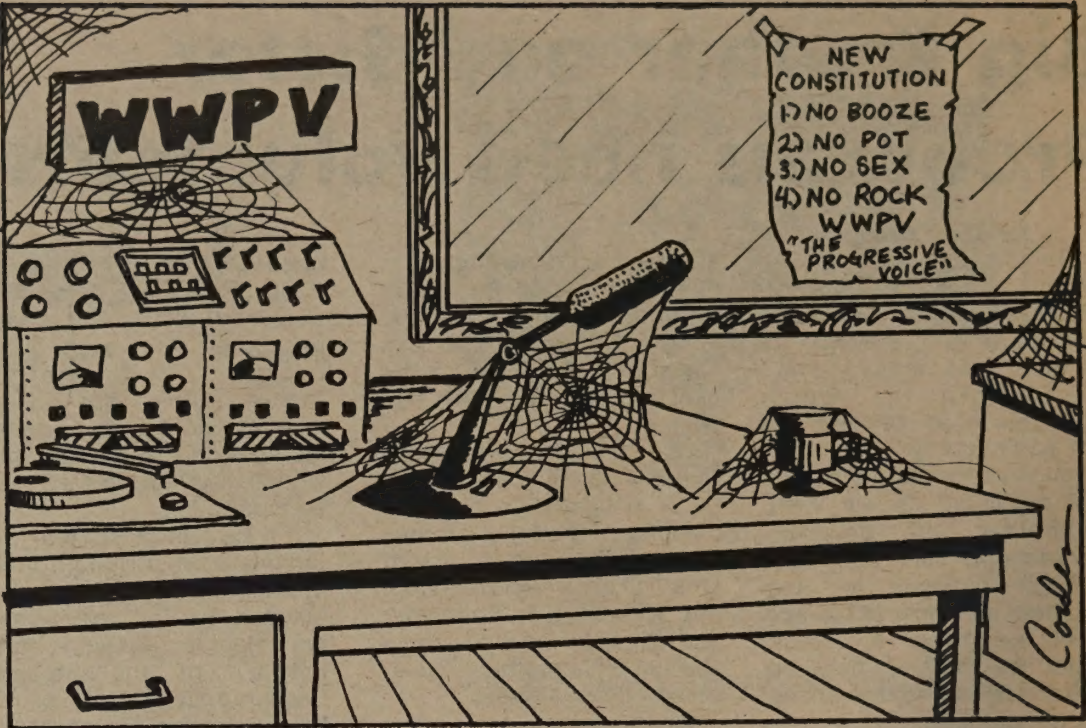
# EDITORIAL

## Parietals

In recent weeks, the enforcement of the new student guide has raised some controversy on campus. One specific area of controversy has been the archaic parietal system which for the most part has been carried over from the old student guide. The college seems to believe that in order to uphold "the moral conduct" of the students, it has the right to limit male visiting hours in female dormitories. but it is an established fact that "moral conduct" cannot be legislated.

Persuasion is consistent with the aims of a liberal arts college, compulsion is not. St. Michael's does need a competent security system in the women's dorms. A security guard should be posted in these buildings to protect, and not to babysit, the residents. Males should be permitted to enter if accompanied by a female resident of that dorm.

Contrary to popular administration beliefs, some students actually do study after midnight on weekdays. These students have the right to study where they want and with whom they want. Other colleges have workable security systems which protect the students without paternalistically restricting them. While parietals may be a difficult and emotional issue to discuss, *The Michaelman* urges the board of trustees to re-open debate on this subject and consider amending the guest policy in the student guide.



"THE LATEST IN BRAHMS LULLABY'S."

## Fear and loathing in Montpelier

by Michael J. Donahue

Sorry for the conspicuous absence of Fear and Loathing the last few weeks, but when I should have been writing to meet a deadline I was, instead, drowning my sorrows downtown. Winners and losers, winners and losers, that's the name of the game.

Winners: Granai, Smith and Dietz. Losers: O'Shea, Buckley and Kernstock.

The positions for above, in order: governor, lieutenant governor and U.S. Congress. The big stories had to be the last two, Smith and Dietz. These races have to be considered upsets.

Peter P. Smith took on old pol T. Garry Buckley and took him to the cleaners in the Republican primary for lieutenant governor.

At the same time, Sarah Marie Dietz defeated St. Michael's own Elwyn N. Kernstock.

Although both victories were surprises, the bigger surprise, to many Vermonters, was former Right-to-Life executive director Dietz's victory. Not to this reporter.

It is no great secret that I was somewhat involved in Dr. Kern-

stock's campaign. I saw first hand what went on in the last eight weeks.

Doc Kernstock hasn't taken defeat gracefully. He has indicted fellow Democrats on three counts:

1. Marie Dietz is not a Democrat, therefore Democrats should boycott the election.
2. Fellow Democrats didn't provide sufficient help.
3. Peter Galbraith should be ousted from his position of Democratic Party chairman.

Let me comment briefly on each count:

1. This is totally consistent with Kernstock's conception of a political party. Dietz and Bernard "Bun" O'Shea, in the late stages of the campaign, became pro-lifers. The last two days witnessed a glut of Right-to-Life ads supporting Dietz and O'Shea.

This, in Kernstock's mind constituted a party. I could give you the definition of party if I got up and looked it up. I have neither the patience nor the energy. Suffice it to say that, that move coupled with Dietz's preponderance of time being spent on the issue of abortion was perceived to be a clinical definition of a party on the fringe of a host party.

The logical extension of this is, seeing as how Dietz is a member of the fringe party, that members of the two major political parties need not support her. In other words, regular Democrats don't have to vote for pro-life candidate Dietz.

2. Party people, for the most part, didn't support Kernstock. They probably voted for him but they didn't perform in the campaign. "I'll support you in the general election," was a phrase Kernstock heard throughout the campaign. It was prefaced "I can't do anything before the primary."

The two reasons most people didn't help was, firstly they were busy. Everybody and his brother ran for office or worked on campaign.

Nobody believed that Kernstock could lose to that anti-abortion fanatic. No one except us in the Kernstock camp. We knew she had a solid base that through her hard work and our lack of help she could squeak out a win.

Secondly, some politicians in this state didn't want to alienate her base no matter where it came from or how large it was. Thus, the minimum of strong public support for Kernstock.

3. Oust Peter Galbraith? No comment.

## Letters to the editor

To the editor:

As author of the WWPV story Alan Lareau referred to in his Sept. 22 letter to the editor, I must correct some of the false and misleading statements Lareau wrote.

He complained of my interviewing Chief of Security Virgil R. Schellhardt for information about the closing of the station. Because Schellhardt was one of the people involved in the investigation of WWPV he was a logical person to see. I was referred to Schellhardt by Gifford R. Hart, faculty moderator of the station. Hart said Schellhardt would be better able to explain why the station had been closed.

I would also like to correct Lareau's statement claiming Schellhardt said that "the prob-

lem was almost anyone could be an announcer." If Lareau had read the story closely he would have realized Schellhardt said the problem was the lack of responsibility on the part of some persons at the station. That anyone could be an announcer and that there was no formal attempt at programming were only manifestations of the real problem.

Lareau was wrong when he said problems with the station ceased at the beginning of the fall 1977 semester. Anyone who listened regularly to WWPV last year can testify that there were times when the station could not broadcast because an announcer did not show up for his or her show.

And anyone working with the station can testify that at

times announcers called in to say they could not come in to do their programs. Those who were there sometimes had to stay late to fill in for them.

I can personally say that there was little or no attempt at programming. A friend of mine was an announcer last year. Before she went to the station to do her program she would ask me what albums I wanted to hear so that she could play them. Perhaps each person was expected to plan his or her own show. I do not think that this constitutes a programming schedule in the formal sense of the word.

I agree with Lareau's assessment that the station has suffered because of "ugly rumors." It was not my intent in writing the story to spread

rumors. As journalist it is my responsibility to report the facts as other people have reported them to me. I think the facts were well presented in the WWPV story.

Lareau insinuates that I criticized "the many dedicated people who sacrificed uncountable hours of their time for the enjoyment of others." Again, he evidently did not read the story carefully enough to realize that I did not write that everyone at the station, or even the majority of the students there, were involved in the problem.

I made every effort in writing the story to make it obvious that only a few people involved with the station created the problem. I was not trying to indict Lareau and everyone else

involved with WWPV, and I think anyone who read the story carefully would agree.

Lareau concluded by saying that not enough positive things have been said about WWPV in recent months. In writing the story I tried to emphasize that the reorganization of the station will produce an even better WWPV. Everyone I talked with in gathering information for the story was extremely optimistic about the future of the station. I would like to suggest that if Lareau is truly interested in the welfare of WWPV he should become involved in the plans to resurrect it. It is one thing to profess one's beliefs and it is another thing to live in accordance with them.

Sincerely,  
Barbara A. Nagy

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# Record Reviews

by Dave Parker

Starting this week, I'm going to try to change the format of my album reviews (provided this paper is willing to keep putting up with them) and make it into more of a column. That way, I can talk more informally about the subjects, and perhaps make it all more interesting.

On the new album front is a brand new album by Heart, called "Dog and Butterfly" (Portrait). After over a year of legal hassles concerning their "Magazine" album, Heart is back with a fine set of new material. On previous albums, the band mixed a few heavy rock tunes with a lot of light, flowery material.

While these same floral arrangements abound on side two, side one shows Heart steering more towards a rock

approach. While there are no hard-charging tunes like "Baracuda" or "Magic Man", all of the material on the first side is electric (as opposed to acoustic) and slightly more...funky sounding.

While side 2 is mainly acoustic, the side ends with the album's piece de resistance, a Zeppelin-ish tune called "Mistral Wind" (much of Heart's material has had more than a passing resemblance to Led Zep). The song recalls Zepelin's "Kashmir", replete with thick sounding drums and slow, heavy power chords. Ann Wilson's voice is also stronger this time around, making for what I'd consider their best album yet, but then that's up to you to decide. If anyone is interested, Heart is playing in Montreal early next month, which should be great.

If your old Hendrix albums

are as scratched, kicked and beaten as mine, then you may wish to check out a new album called "The Essential Jim Hendrix" (Reprise). At first glance it appears to be an essential album to pass over, but it turns out to be a 2-LP collection of Jim's finest tunes, and almost everything you'd put on the album yourself is there.

In the albums-yet-to-come department, the new Yes album "Tormato" should be out by the time you read this, and Neil Young's "Come a Time" is coming very soon. David Bowie's double live album "Stage" is out this week, and judging from the one side I heard from it, it sounds fantastic. On a more serious note, don't forget the four new solo albums by each of the members of Kiss, just simultaneously released. WHAT?

## Science Column

# When autumn leaves

by  
Frank Reddy  
and  
John Barkyoub

Perhaps it is a bit presumptuous, but we have decided that there is a definite need for everyone to know some of what's going on in the world — yes, Virginia, even you, if you read beyond this paragraph — so we are writing this bi-weekly column around certain interesting phenomena in the world around us.

Now don't run away, or even turn the page, but that obviously means our column will talk about science, our range of topics including everything under the sun — and beyond. But enough of that and on to the job at hand.

An annual occurrence (read, annoyance) is the falling of the leaves. Have you ever wondered why this happens? Probably not, but we're going to tell you anyway.

Actually, botanists have

been looking into the problem ever since Adam and Eve, but are still in the cold as to the precise mechanisms involved. First of all, what we say about the falling of leaves does not apply to evergreens; though their needles do fall off and are replaced, the process is different from that in broadleaf trees.

At the base of each and every leaf, at the point where it meets the stem, is a congregation of cells known as the abscission layer. This is the layer of cells which obligingly dies each year, allowing the leaf to fall. As to why they fall, scientists have determined that there is a substance (known as abscissic acid) which cuts off the flow of nourishment to the leaf, causing it to die.

There are several other substances which allow for the abscissic acid to be produced, but this only pushes the question back further: What causes these other substances to be produced? Among other things,

we know that it has something to do with day-length, temperature and moisture, but as to the ultimate mechanism(s) no one is certain.

Remembering vaguely that a leaf changes color before it falls, it would be nice if we could also explain that — but, alas, we cannot. No one knows if the color change has a cause-effect relationship with the process which kills the leaf, or whether there are different mechanisms for both.

Not to wax poetic, but, as so often happens in science, we discover a few answers only to find that there are many more questions. Though the circle of light of our knowledge may seem great, the darkness which lies beyond is greater still — possibly infinite. And though the circle's diameter is getting larger at a greater rate each year, it will be a long, long while before it illuminates the world.

How about that...we waxed poetic after all.

The admissions office would like to extend its thanks to all those upperclassmen who replied to the letter which was sent out during the summer. As you recall, we asked for the names of students currently in high school, whom you feel would be well-suited for application to St. Michael's. The approximately 40 students making recommendations should have received a copy of the letter mailed to these prospective candidates for admission.

For all those who were unable to contact us, we are still welcoming your recommendations. Please send your name, address and year of graduation, along with the name and address of the prospective student to Jerry E. Flanagan, Director of Admissions, St. Michael's College, Winooski, Vt., 05404. We hope to acquaint an increasing number of students with St. Michael's and to continue to advance in the area of applications received.

Committee chairmen are needed for next spring's M.S. Dance Marathon. Contact Paul Pasko at Founders 352 or John Podlaski at 1302 Ethan Allen Ave., Box 61, for more information.

# ON CAMPUS

## Friday Sept. 29

Tennis, Albany State Tourney (mens, away)  
4 p.m. — Feast of St. Michael the Archangel, mass in the chapel

## Saturday Sept. 30.

Football, SMC v. Worcester State (away)  
1 p.m. — Cross country, SMC v. Clarkson (home)

## Sunday Oct. 1

7 and 9 p.m. — S.A. social committee film: Obsession; McCarthy Arts Center; admission, \$1.

## Monday Oct. 2

6:30-8 p.m. — Introductory Relaxation Skills workshop, Pope John XXIII room, SMC library, contact the Rev. Maurice Ouellet.  
3 p.m. — Tennis (mens), SMC vs. UVM (home)

## Tuesday Oct. 3

11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. — Volunteer Programs Fair, Alliot lounge, contact Fred Schnieder.  
4:15 — Field hockey, SMC vs. UVM (away)  
7 p.m. — Volleyball SMC vs. St. Joseph's (Vt.), (away)  
7 p.m. — Freshman and S.A. vice president and off-campus senator elections.

## Wednesday Oct. 4

1 p.m. — Golf, SMC vs. Middlebury, (away)  
3 p.m. — Field hockey, SMC vs. Johnson, (home)  
3 p.m. — Tennis (womens), SMC vs. Lyndon, (home)

## Thursday Oct. 5

1-4 p.m. — Northeastern University representative visiting, Student Resource Center, contact Patricia Strobel  
3 p.m. — Soccer, SMC vs. North Adams, (home)  
3 p.m. — Cross country, SMC vs. North Adams, (home)  
4:30 p.m. — "Pounds Off!!" class in Alliot lounge, contact director of health services, Jane Campbell

# NEWS BRIEFS

The drama club, in conjunction with the student activities office, is sponsoring a New York theatre tour for the weekend of Oct. 20-22. The \$80 package includes round-trip transportation to New York City, lodging for two nights at the Century Paramount Hotel, tickets for "Da!" and "The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas", and a backstage tour of the 46th Street Theater. Space is limited so make arrangements now. Sign up in the Student Activities Office, 124 Alliot. For more information call ext. 2569.

Northeastern University (MBA and MS Accounting Programs) will be on campus Thursday, Oct. 5, in the Student Resource Center from 1-4 p.m. Anyone interested is asked to please sign up in the Placement Office at Klein.

The swim team is looking for a manager who must be available 4-6:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Previous experience would be beneficial. Contact Lewis M. Whitney at the student life office or during swim practice 4-6:30 p.m. at the pool.

The outdoor venture program had its organizational meeting Monday, Sept. 25, and the response was overwhelming. On the basis of the questionnaires that were completed by students there seems to be not only several people interested in many areas but also a tremendous amount of experience in outing as well.

During the next couple weeks, the venture program and outing club hope to establish a newsletter that will be distributed to those who completed the questionnaire.

Through this newsletter, individuals will receive information concerning trips and outings sponsored by the organization, contact individuals for various interest groups and (hopefully) insight into package rental of equipment.

This new group will meet every Monday night in Alliot and hopes to have weekly topics and group discussion concerning the outdoors and wilderness experience.

Anyone interested in helping with the organization of this club and publication of the newsletter, please contact Jennie Cernosia in Alliot 124 or dial ext. 2569. We need both your ideas and your time!

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# Faculty secretary enjoys her job

by Mary Hillmer

It takes much responsibility and dedication to correlate an entire faculty staff at a college. Such a person is Marie Pilus, the faculty secretary, who has been doing this for Saint Michael's during the past ten years.

Pilus began working part time in the school library. After a year in the library she began her career as the faculty secretary, working under the academic dean's office. Her office is located in Sullivan Hall on North Campus.

Because there are many diverse departments at Saint Michael's, it is at the departments' discretion as to whether they will use Pilus' services. All but the physical education and science departments have chosen to do so.

Each department depends highly on Mrs. Pilus. She performs such tasks as typing letters, tests, and summaries. Two students from the work-study program aid her. They

are in charge of office duties such as copying materials.

The time she needs these aides most is during the start of each semester and exam period. Even though these times seem busy it is not too overwhelming, according to Pilus.

Why did Pilus decide to settle at St. Michael's? In her interview she expressed her love for the Vermont countryside. She was born in Newburgh, New York and graduated from the Newburgh Free Academy.

Twelve years ago, her husband, three daughters and herself moved to Essex Junction. Her husband works for IBM. With her present home so close to the campus, St. Michael's seems to be the ideal location for Pilus.

Pilus said she enjoys meeting the variety of people at St. Michael's. She finds her job neither monotonous nor boring. When asked about her feelings concerning her job she responded, "truthfully, I enjoy what I'm doing."



## New switchboard lightens work

by Phyllis Grich

The old-fashioned cord switchboards are being replaced by computer switchboards, and Founders Hall has kept up with the trend.

The switchboard was purchased in January 1976 at a cost of approximately \$10,000.

The computer switchboard is easier to operate than the cord type because "it's all push-button," according to Anne Marie Leggett, switchboard operator.

Leggett said it took five hours for her to learn how to operate the new switchboard.

"A representative from the telephone company taught me how to use it."

"The computer switchboard was necessary because the number of students at St. Michael's increased and the new board provided quicker service," said Leggett. "I've been working here for 27 years and the old switchboard was here about 25."

There is one problem with the computer switchboard. "The operator can answer only one call at a time, that's why it sometimes takes long to reach her," said Leggett.

The switchboard operator knows where a call is coming from because the extension number lights up on the board when she answers the call. The letters "INC" indicate a call from outside the college.

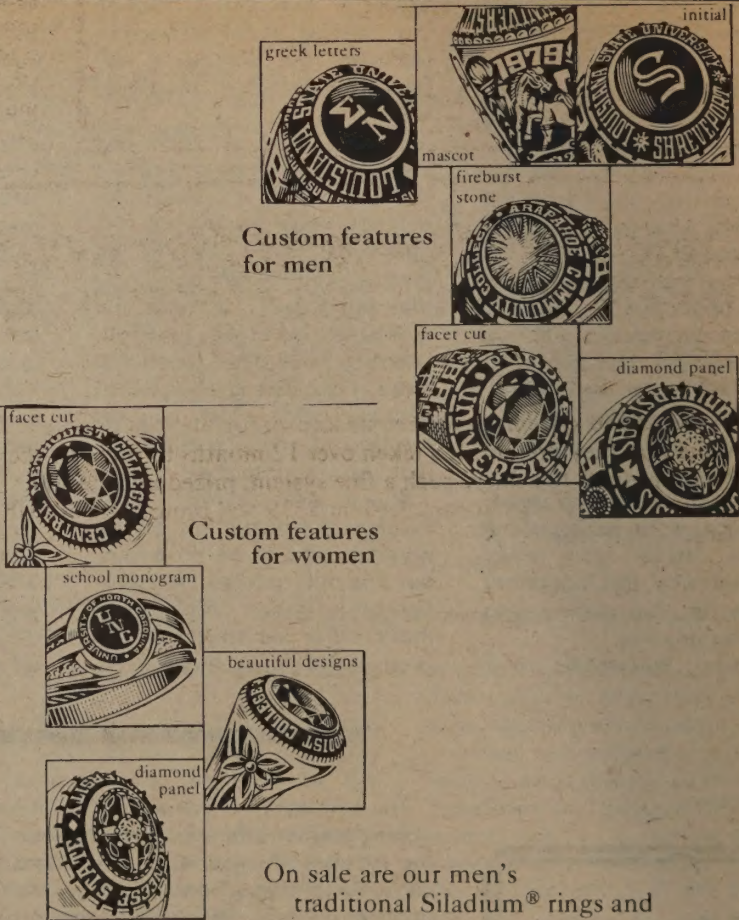
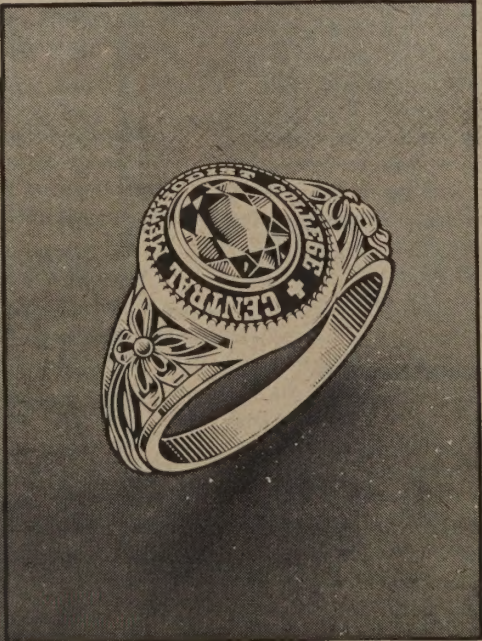
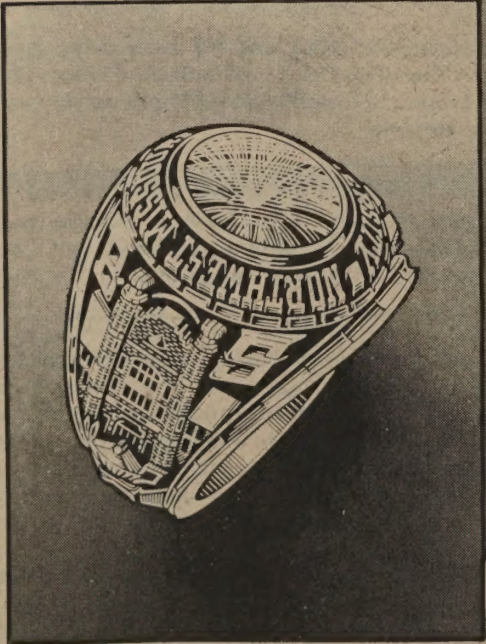
The operator on duty also receives calls from local persons for the rescue squad. "Local people call the switchboard because they know they can reach the rescue squad that way," said the operator. "I have to take down the time the call came in and call the crew members on duty. Most of the time they have their radios on so I call them through the base."

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# SPORTS



SMC's Greg Keller uses a little extra effort during his victory in singles play Tuesday against Plattsburgh State College. Photo by Rob Swanson

## Tennis team wins in fine fashion

The St. Michael's tennis team had things pretty much their own way Tuesday afternoon as it used some outstanding play in the singles matches to post an easy 7-2 triumph over Plattsburgh State College.

The Purple Knights swept all six of the singles matches as Paul Deering, Kevin O'Hare, Mike Thomas, John Chamberlain, Greg Keller, and Drew

Hoffner gained victories.

Keller was the only SMC player forced to go three sets as he picked up a 5-7, 6-0, 6-1 win.

Hoffner had the most impressive performance as he scored a 6-0, 6-0 victory.

Matt Collins and Thomas chalked up 7-6, 6-1 triumph in doubles action for the Knights who now stand at 2-1 on the

season.

The St. Michael's netmen will journey to Albany State College today where they will participate in the 16-team Great Dane Tourney.

"There will be some outstanding competition down there and it will definitely be some good experience for us," explained coach Nick Clary, when discussing today's match.

### 3-2 loss to St. A's

## St. Mike's soccer squad drops third close encounter

By Ted Hernitcho

The St. Michael's College soccer team suffered its third straight setback of the season last Saturday when it dropped a 3-2 decision to St. Anselm's at Manchester, N.H.

The offense for the Purple Knights was provided by Tom Newman and Charlie Kavery who tallied one goal apiece.

St. Michael's opened the season with three consecutive road games that included a 2-1 overtime loss to Norwich University and a 6-4 defeat at the hands of Castleton State College.

The Knights, who were only able to manage 12 goals last season, experienced a power shortage of sorts against Norwich as Mark Bouchard got the lone St. Michael's tally.

St. Michael's goal tender Doug Gallagher turned in a fine net-minding performance against the Cadets.

St. Michael's had its offense in high gear against Castleton as it battled back from an early 3-0 deficit, only to come just short once again.

Clay Neidlinger sparked the St. Michael's offense in the Castleton contest as he had a pair of goals to his credit.

John Benkovitch and John

Herman picked up the other two St. Michael's goals.

The Knights will have two chances this week to get on the winning track as Plattsburgh visits the hilltop in the home opener Wednesday.

Plattsburgh is coming off a 1-0 upset victory of the highly touted University of Vermont squad.

St. Mike's continues its three-game homestand Saturday when it entertains McGill University at 2 p.m.

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# Field hockey ties UVM

By John Hoelscher

While it has been said many times that one team came away with a victory because of another's mistakes, this was not the case Monday when the St. Michael's women's field hockey team played to a 5-5 tie with the UVM 'B' team.

St. Michael's started things off with a goal scored by Cathy O'Neil with the assist going to Max Merrick at 1:15 into the period. O'Neil scored again at 3:30 with the assist going to Kate Campbell to put St. Michael's off to an early 2-0 lead.

Play was flip-flop for the next several minutes until Laura McDonnough slammed one home at 19:00 to put UVM on the scoreboard.

St. Michael's rebounded back at 28:15 with the goal going to Campbell on the assist from O'Neil.

Though St. Michael's was in the lead, it was a slim one. Jean Meehan put UVM one notch closer to the tie at 33:00 minutes with an unassisted smash from the right side of the net which took the goalie by surprise.

Special credit should go to the goalies for both teams. Pizini and Raymond, for St. Michael's, both came up with clutch saves to keep St. Michael's in the game, as did the UVM goalie for her team.

UVM came out fast in the second half with scores at the 5:00 and 13:00 minute marks by

McDonnough and Jill Mehrberg respectively.

Mary Davis proved to be the spark necessary for an offensive comeback by St. Michael's. Capitalizing on seemingly lackadaisical play, Davis took passes from Campbell and O'Neil at 18:00 and 22:00 minutes respectively and swatted them goalward.

Tightening their defense, St. Michael's prepared to stave off feverish play to ensure their victory. Though playing tough, their defense was pierced at 26:00 minutes into the period when McDonnough pushed in the ball for the tying goal.

Both teams hustled as the game winded down but neither could notch the goal necessary for victory.

## Intramural Schedule Week of Oct. 2-6

MONDAY, OCT. 2  
Flag Football

Omega vs. PSI  
Zeta vs GE (Senior Hall Field)

Soccer

PSI vs. AD (field no. 1)  
OCDB's vs NU (field no. 2)

TUESDAY, OCT. 3  
Flag Football

NU vs OCDB's  
Ad vs Zeta (Senior Hall Field)

Soccer

Staff vs GE (field no. 1)  
Ski vs. Vegetrons (field no. 2)

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 4

Swim Meet

THURSDAY, OCT. 5  
Flag Football

NU vs GE

Soccer

PSI vs Zeta (field no. 1)  
OCDB's vs Omega (field no. 2)

# Gridders defeated

by Mark Kendall

Penalties were a major factor last Saturday as the St. Michael's College football team dropped their second game of the season, this time a 21-8 loss to Bentley College.

The Knights just couldn't get a break as they found themselves penalized 11 times for a total of 135 yards compared to only three penalties for 25 yards against Bentley.

The loss came despite a brilliant performance by quarterback Jeff Jones who had spent most of last week recovering from a shoulder injury. Jones passed for 172 yards while hitting 14 of 21 receivers.

A strong Bentley defense held the Knights rushing totals to only 80 yards, with 40 by running back Chris Durso, and another 35 by halfback Frank Luongo.

St. Michael's got on the board in the second half with an impressive drive downfield climaxed by a seven-yard touchdown pass from Jeff Jones to junior tight end Bob Zeller.

The Knights then completed the two-point conversion when Jones rolled out and passed to senior wide receiver Tim Healy who made a spectacular catch. Unfortunately, time ran out for the Knights at this point.

Coach Tom Vredenburgh was pleased with the team's offensive performance, primarily the "fine pass protection."

Vredenburgh further added that the game was actually much closer than the score showed with Bentley managing only three more first downs than the Knights. "This proves how much the penalties hurt us," said Vredenburgh.

The only weak point in the game was the defense according to the coach. He said he plans to work on it during the week as the Knights prepare for their game Saturday at Worcester State College.



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# Rock climbing — risky but fun

by John Dean Wagner

Rock climbing is perhaps one of the most spectacular of all sports today. It involves endurance, balance, precision and a particularly liberal frame of mind, bordering on the reckless.

People often question what drives someone to climb mountains. When asked, most climbers just joke it off. But there seems to be an overwhelming sense of challenge, or a need to be able to climb any kind of rock under any condition.

Some critics write rock climbing off as the sport of madmen, others say it is the sport of the elitist or perfectionist. Nonetheless it is a lot of fun. And everyone should give it a try at least once in their lives.

Just about anyone can go out and climb a rock face, or climb up a long hill to get to the top. But it takes a special breed of people to climb a 3,000 foot sheer face, or a 29,000 foot mountain.

The climber's goal is not just to get to the top, although that is a big part of it; rather the excellence is in the style of the climb. Climbing without assistance from the outside world, or climbing in a particular style, such as alpine style or artificial aid climbing.

Rock climbing, among other things, is perhaps the most misunderstood sport of all. The best way to explain how to rock-climb is to demonstrate, and I hope the accompanying photograph will be helpful.

It is of primary importance to realize that the climbers do not climb on the rope. The rope is there merely for support in case of a fall. The climbers climb on the rocks, using hand holds and footholds in a form of modified ballet. A constant, flowing upward movement, covering the most distance possible with each move.

Climbing requires delicate balance, precise movement and especially a frame of mind which will allow one to think in a relaxed manner whether you are three feet off the ground, or three thousand feet off the ground.

To climb safely you need a minimum of two climbers (some exceptional climbers climb alone using special equipment). The first person is the lead climber, and he is responsible for establishing the route which the climbers will follow. He follows crack systems in the rock because these offer the most hand-holds in the rock face.

The second man is referred to as the belayer and he is responsible for the safety of the leader in the event of a fall. The two climbers do not climb at the same time. Rather they alternate. One climbs while the other "belays," or holds the rope, letting it out as his partner needs slack. The belayer is always tied into the rock by a system of "chocks." Chocks are hexagonal and cork-shaped metal objects that fit into cracks in the rock, so when pressure is put on them

they wedge deeper into the crack and hold the person from being pulled off the face in the event of a fall of the other climber.

The lead climber ascends the rock carrying a number of the chocks of assorted sizes. He has a rope tied to him and as he ascends he puts in the chocks and attaches his rope to them by means of light weight chain links called "carabiners."

In the case of a leader fall the last chock he put in stops him from falling to the ground.

The belayer, well aware of the leader fall, stops the rope from pulling through the carabiner; thus the leader swings to a stop at the bottom of the pendulum arrangement. What next? The leader tries the move again.

After completing the "pitch", or 150 foot stretch of the face, the leader then chocks himself into the rock and holds the rope for the second man who ascends and pulls out the chocks on his way up. Thus nothing is left in the rock and the two climbers ascend safely. In the event of the climb taking more than one day, the climbers hang hammocks from these chocks and sleep on the face.

The equipment used in rock climbing is highly specialized and very expensive. The rope is "perlon," a nylon rope core surrounded by a waterproof covering. It is important to get a rope strong enough to hold enormous weight, because gravity accelerates any falling body of a high velocity and

even a fall of twenty feet can cause permanent damage to the finest of mountaineering ropes.

The chocks are all light-weight aluminum, as are the carabiners. (Weight is a very important factor when you consider the degree to which someone must be balanced on particularly difficult moves.)

Although climbing is fun and challenging, it is also very dangerous and should only be tried under qualified supervision.

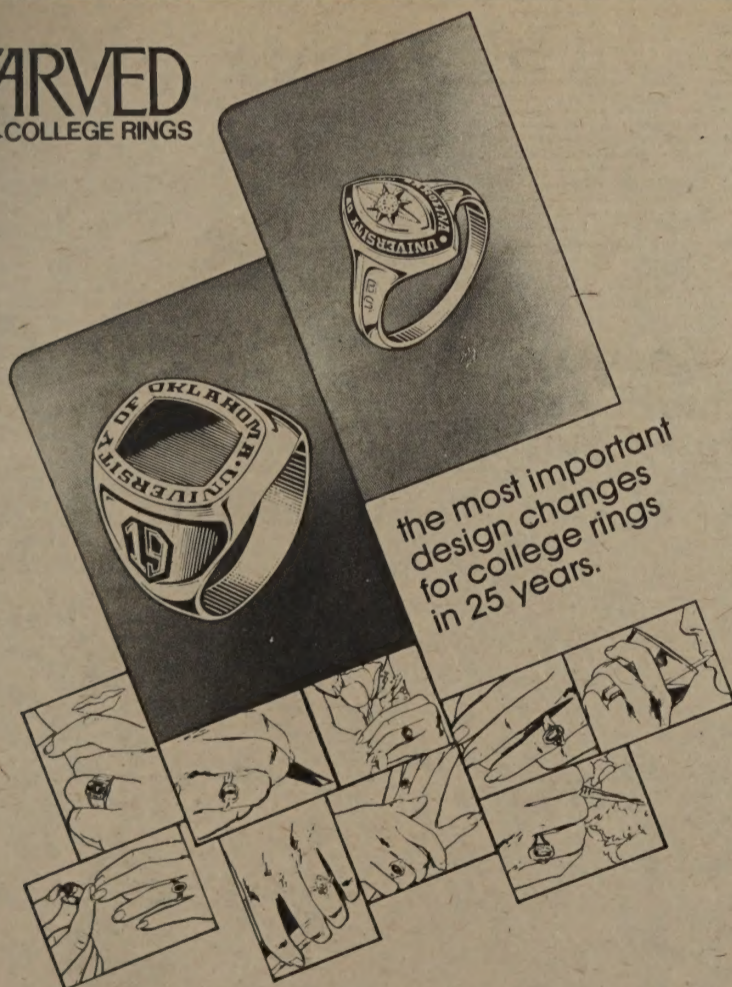
I have been climbing for about four years and I have seen many accidents, and I have been personally associated with one tragic death just this last summer. Although these accidents are the result of simple and basic mistakes, they can be made by beginner and professional alike.

So when you go climbing, remember, it's not the fall that hurts, it's that sudden stop at the bottom.



Rock climbing technique is demonstrated by John Dean Wagner on cliffs near the edge of the Winooski River. Photo by Mike Montross

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